

## II. LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for approving item requests, comprising:

receiving an item request for an item from a requestor;

dynamically generating an approval list for the item request based on application of a set of rules to the item, the set of rules including item-based rules and safety-based rules, the approval list being a hierarchy of approvers that includes all approvers, including all supervisors, financial personnel and safety personnel, from which approval must be obtained;

automatically determining an approver and any subsequent approver from the hierarchy based on an item in an item request, the subsequent approver being someone from whom approval must be obtained subsequent to approval being obtained from the approver;

logging the approver into an application used to make item requests;

displaying by the application a view containing a set of item requests to the approver containing all item requests from all requestors for which approval is requested from the approver, the set of item requests including a plurality of item requests from a plurality of requestors;

receiving an approval determination for at least one of the set of item requests from the approver, wherein the receiving is adapted to receive a plurality of approval determinations from the approver simultaneously;